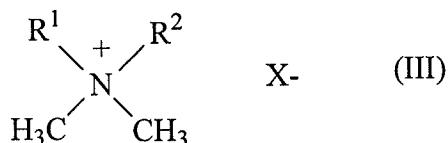


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising
- (a1) at least one active ingredient selected from among the pesticidally active triazole class or an agriculturally utilizable salt thereof ;
- (a2) at least one bioregulatory active ingredient of the formula (III)



wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> and X have the following meanings:

R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,

R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, cyclopentenyl, halogen-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, or

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together denote a radical -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>-, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)-CH=CH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)-NH-, and

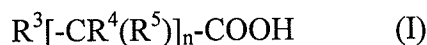
X is an anionic group;

(b) at least one straight-chain or branched saturated or unsaturated aliphatic carboxylic acid; and

(d) water,

the molar ratio of component (b) to component (a1) being greater than 1, wherein component (a1) amounts to more than 1% by weight and component (d) to more than 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

2. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of component (b) to component (a1) is greater than 4.
3. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid is selected among carboxylic acids of the formula (I)



where  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $n$  have the following meanings:

$R^3$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^4$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^5$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy or halogen; and

$n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3, or

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the carbon to which they are bonded form a carbonyl group.

4. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein
  - $R^3$  denotes hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl,
  - $R^4$  denotes hydrogen,
  - $R^5$  denotes hydrogen or hydroxyl, and
  - $n$  is 1.
5. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid is selected among propionic acid, lactic acid, oleic acid, acetic acid and glyoxylic acid.
6. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (b) amounts to more than 2.5% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
7. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 or 6, wherein component (b) amounts to less than 70% by weight-of the total weight of the composition.
8. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient of the triazole class is selected among (a11) metconazole, (a12) epoxiconazole, (a13) tebuconazole, (a14) triadimenole, (a15) triadimefone, (a16) cyproconazole (a17) uniconazole, (a18) paclobutrazole and (a19) ipconazole.

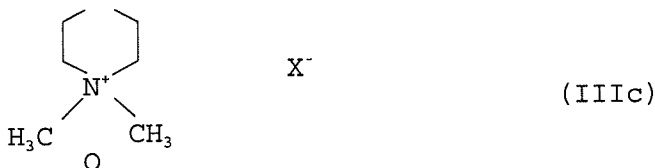
9. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (a1) amounts to more than 2% by weight-of the total weight of the composition.
10. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 or 9, wherein component (a1) amounts to less than 50% by weight-of the total weight of the composition.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient of the formula (III) is selected among
- (a21) N,N,N-trimethyl-N-β-chloroethyl-ammonium salts of the formula (IIIa)

(a22) N,N-dimethylpiperidinium salts of the formula (IIIb)



and

(a23) N,N-dimethylmorpholinium salts of the formula (IIIc)



where  $\text{X}^-$  is  $\text{Cl}^-$  or  $1/m \cdot [\text{M}_x\text{B}_y\text{O}_z(\text{A})_v]^{m-} \cdot w (\text{H}_2\text{O})$  where

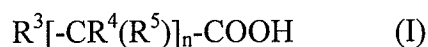
M is a cation of an agriculturally utilizable metal, hydrogen or ammonium,

B is boron,

O is oxygen,

- A is a chelating or complexing group which is associated with at least one boron atom or one agriculturally utilizable cation,
- x corresponds to a number 0 to 10,
- y corresponds to a number 1 to 48,
- v corresponds to a number 0 to 24,
- z corresponds to a number 0 to 48,
- m corresponds to an integer of 1 to 6, and
- w corresponds to an integer 0 to 24.
13. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, which is liquid and homogeneous.
14. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising (c) at least one surface-active adjuvant.
15. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein component (c) amounts to more than 10% by weight-of the total weight of the composition.
16. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14 or 15, wherein component (c) amounts to less than 60% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
17. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the surface-active adjuvant is selected among (c1) alkylglycosides, (c2) alkylsulfonates, alkyl sulfates, alkylarylsulfonates and alkylaryl sulfates, and (c3) quaternized ammonium salts.
18. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein component (c1) amounts to more than 2% by weight of the total weight of the composition

19. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 17 or 18, wherein component (c1) amounts to less than 50% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
20. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (d) amounts to more than 20% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
21. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1 or 20, wherein component (d) amounts to less than 60% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
22. (Withdrawn) A method of bioregulation in plant cultivation which comprises applying to the area under cultivation a composition as claimed in claim 1.
23. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 22 in oilseed rape cultivation.
24. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 22 for improving root growth.
25. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein improved root growth manifests itself in an increased number of individual roots, in longer roots and/or in an increased root surface area.
26. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 22 for use in the tank mix method.
27. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the active ingredient of the triazole class (a1) is metconazole, the bioregulatory active ingredient (a2) is a N,N-dimethylpiperidinium salt of the formula (IIIb) wherein X<sup>-</sup> is Cl<sup>-</sup>, and the carboxylic acid (b) is propionic acid.
28. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein  
the carboxylic acid is selected among carboxylic acids of the formula (I)



where  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $n$  have the following meanings:

$R^3$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^4$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^5$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy or halogen; and

$n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3, or

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the carbon to which they are bonded form a carbonyl group; and

the active ingredient of the triazole class (a1) is selected among (a11)

metconazole, (a12) epoxiconazole, (a13) tebuconazole, (a14) triadimenole, (a15)

triadimefene, (a16) cyproconazole (a17) uniconazole, (a18) paclobutrazole and (a19)

ipconazole.

29. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (b) amounts to more than 5% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

30. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (b) amounts to less than 40% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

31. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein component (b) amounts to less than 40% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

32. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (a1) amounts to more than 2.5% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

33. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (a1) amounts to less than 35% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

36. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein component (c) amounts to more than 20% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

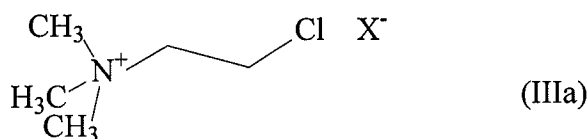
37. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein component (c) amounts to less than 45% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

38. (New) A composition comprising:

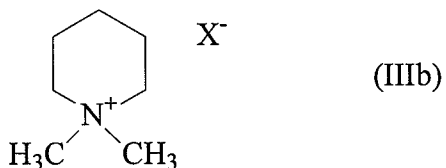
(a1) at least one pesticidally active triazole (a1) selected from the group consisting of (a11) metconazole, (a12) epoxiconazole, (a13) tebuconazole, (a14) triadimenole, (a15) triadimefone, (a16) cyproconazole (a17) uniconazole, (a18) paclobutrazole and (a19) ipconazole or an agriculturally utilizable salt thereof, wherein component (a1) is present in an amount of more than 2% by weight to less than 50% by weight of the total weight of the composition;

(a2) at least one bioregulatory active ingredient selected from the group consisting of:

(a21) N,N,N-trimethyl-N-β-chloroethyl-ammonium salts of the formula (IIIa)

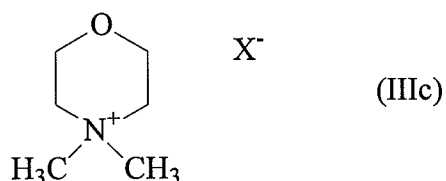


(a22) N,N-dimethylpiperidinium salts of the formula (IIIb)



and

(a23) N,N-dimethylmorpholinium salts of the formula (IIIc)



where X<sup>-</sup> is Cl<sup>-</sup> or 1/m · [M<sub>x</sub>B<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>(A)<sub>v</sub>]<sup>m-</sup> · w (H<sub>2</sub>O) where

M is a cation of an agriculturally utilizable metal, hydrogen or ammonium,

B is boron,

O is oxygen,

A is a chelating or complexing group which is associated with at least one boron atom or one agriculturally utilizable cation,

x corresponds to a number 0 to 10,

y corresponds to a number 1 to 48,

v corresponds to a number 0 to 24,

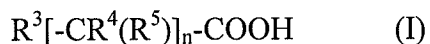
z corresponds to a number 0 to 48,

m corresponds to an integer of 1 to 6, and

w corresponds to an integer 0 to 24,

wherein the weight ratio of triazole (a1) to active ingredient (a2) is 5:1 to 30:1;

(b) at least one straight-chain or branched saturated or unsaturated aliphatic carboxylic acid selected from among carboxylic acids of the formula (I)



where  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $n$  have the following meanings:

$R^3$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^4$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_{25}$ -alkenyl;

$R^5$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy or halogen; and

$n$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3, or

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the carbon to which they are bonded form a carbonyl group,

wherein carboxylic acid (b) is present in an amount of more than 2.5% to less than 70% by weight;

(c) at least one surface-active adjuvant selected from the group consisting of (c1) alkylglycosides, (c2) alkylsulfonates, alkyl sulfates, alkylarylsulfonates and alkylaryl sulfates, and (c3) quaternized ammonium salts, wherein component (c) is present in an amount of more than 2% by weight and less than 50% by weight; and

(d) water present in an amount of more than 10% to 45% by weight,  
wherein the molar ratio of component (b) to component (a1) is greater than one.

39. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein triazole (a) is selected from (a11) metconazole, (a13) tebuconazole, and an agriculturally utilizable salts thereof, and is present in an amount of 2 to 35% by weight.



40. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein active ingredient (a2) is selected from (a21) N,N,N-trimethyl-N- $\beta$ -chloroethylammonium chloride of formula (IIIa), (a22) N,N-dimethylpiperidinium chloride of formula (IIIb), and corresponding borates, and is present in an amount of 20 to 25% by weight.

41. (New) The composition of claim 39, wherein carboxylic acid (b) is selected from propionic acid and lactic acid, and is present in an amount of 5 to 40% by weight.

42. (New) The composition of claim 40, wherein the surface-active adjuvant (c) is present in an amount of 5 to 45% by weight, and water (d) is present in an amount of 20 to 45% by weight.

43. (New) The composition of claim 42, wherein carboxylic acid (b) is selected from propionic acid and lactic acid, and is present in an amount of 5 to 40% by weight.

44. (New) The composition of claim 43, wherein the active ingredient of the triazole class (a1) is metconazole, the bioregulatory active ingredient (a2) is a N,N-dimethylpiperidinium salt of the formula (IIIb) wherein X<sup>-</sup> is Cl<sup>-</sup>, and the carboxylic acid (b) is propionic acid.

45. (New) The composition of claim 38, wherein carboxylic acid (b) is present in an amount such that the pH value of the composition is in the range of from approximately 2.5 to 5.

46. (New) The composition of claim 44, wherein carboxylic acid (b) is present in an amount such that the pH value of the composition is in the range of from approximately 2.5 to 5.